

Bella Vista Radio Club Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jan Hagan, WB5JAN

2. New Member and Guest Introductions were conducted by Tom Northfell, W5XNA

3. President's Announcements were given by Jan, WB5JAN

A) Alan Katz Memorial Service and Military Honors

Memorial Service:

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2024

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Whistling Springs Brewery

246 Whistling Springs Lane Seligman, MO

Military Honors Service:

Same Day at Whistling Springs Brewery at 5:00 pm.

B) BVRC at the 2024 Solar Eclipse

Join us on April 8th at 1:45 pm at Spadra Campground (K-7280) for the last solar eclipse in the US for 20 years! Pot Luck follows the eclipse!

Jan, WB5JAN and XYL

Glenn, WB5L

Robert, K5NZV and Dana, W5DGH

Dana, KI5TGY and XYL

Joe, W5AEN and XYL

C) N5T – the train excursion for the special event station

April 20, 2024

Special Event Station

RESERVE YOUR TICKET NOW!

To complete your ticket reservation:

Go to the BVRC website home page and click the

'N5T Train Mobile' tab on the right-hand side of page.

4. BVRC Business Meeting

A) The Secretary's Report and Previous Minutes recorded by Dana Hill, W5DGH, were presented for approval and were unanimously approved

B) The Membership Report was presented by Tom Northfell, W5XNA. Current membership is 253

C) The March 7, 2024 Treasurer Report was submitted by Marc Whittlesey, WØKYZ and presented to the club for discussion. The report:

Previous Balance \$3,483.79 (from Feb/2024 report)

Dues Collected \$ 133.72

Expenses \$ 62.00 (Train Mobile QSL cards)

Arvest account \$1,672.12

PayPal account \$1,763.39

Petty Cash \$120.00

Current Balance \$3,555.51

D) The VE Program Report was submitted by Don Cooper, KC7DC. Successful exam sessions included Tom's (W5XNA) Spring Technician License Class along with our 2 scheduled monthly sessions. The following is a list of successful candidates:

Bella Vista Session:

Justin Sleeth - KF0PAI - Cassville, MO - New Technician

Anthony Miles - KJ5ELC - Bella Vista - New Technician

Springdale Session:

Fred Fanning – KI5WVN – Bentonville – Upgrade to Amateur Extra

Nathan Spears – KEØVPI – Lowell – Upgrade to Amateur Extra

Maxwell Bean – KJ5ELJ – Springdale – New Technician

Bill Cassidy – KJ5EKK – Greenland – New Technician

BVRC Spring Technician Class:

Ben Cottingham – KJ5EMI – Bella Vista – New Technician

John Cottingham – KJ5ELV – Bella Vista – New Technician

David Matheny – KJ5ENI – Springdale – New Technician

Nicholas Hayob – KFØPBY – Leawood, KS – New Technician

Jackson Smith – KJ5EVI – Fort Smith – New Technician

LaCount Reber – KJ5ERR – Goshen – New Technician

Derek Dake – KJ5EMK – Combs – New Technician

Rhys Wimer – KJ5EML – Fayetteville – New Technician

Kathy Vanderlip – KJ5ENH – Lowell – New Technician

Laura Foster – KJ5EQW – Bella Vista – New Technician

Ryan Hansen – KJ5EOT – Centerton – New Technician

Cody Vaughn – Call Pending – Fayetteville – New Technician

Jerry Reid, Jr. – KJ5ENJ – Lowell – New Technician

Jose Andrade – KJ5EWG – Springdale – New Technician

Canaan Johnson – KJ5EMJ – Bentonville – New Technician

Levi Crandell – KJ5EPZ – Farmington – New Technician

Mercy Crandell – KJ5EQA – Farmington – New Technician

Larry Wilms – KJ5EQB – Bella Vista – New Technician

Michael Thompson – KJ5ERQ – Springdale – New Technician

Spencer Weech – KJ5ENV – Springdale – New Technician

5. Feature Club Presentation

The feature presentation was given by Jon Williams, K5DVT. The topic was:

“Where’s Waldo – An introduction to APRS, the Automatic Packet Reporting System”.

6. The Gear Exchange Announcements were made by Jan, WB5JAN

For sale or trade items are located on the tables at the far right of the room throughout the evening for those looking “new to them” amateur radio equipment.

7. Club Door Prize Announcements were presented by Don, K5DB

Amateur radio related door prizes are provided by club members from their personal collections to winning BVRC members and guest ticket holders.

8. Adjournment

The next BVRC Club meeting is:

Thursday, April 4, 2024

See you there!